

Washington, DC – Congressman Ryan (OH-17) voted today for H.R. 3961, The Medicare Physician Payment Reform Act. This bill will prevent a 21 percent cut in Medicare physician payment rates scheduled for January 2010. It will replace the Sustainable Growth Rate (SGR) formula, and protects access to physicians for 109,000 Medicare beneficiaries in the 17th Congressional District, as well as members of the military and their families since physician payment rates in TRICARE are tied to those used by Medicare.

□ **“This bill will correct nearly a decade of mismanagement of Medicare under SGR, and provide a real solution for ensuring the health care security for over 100,000 seniors in my district and adequate payments that local physicians can count upon,” said Congressman Ryan.**

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H.R. 3961 is supported by a wide range of organizations including the American Medical Association, AARP, the Military Officers Association of America, the American Academy of Family Physicians, the American College of Physicians, the American College of Surgeons, the Center for Medicare Advocacy, the Medicare Rights Center, and the National Committee to Preserve Social Security and Medicare.

This bill will now go to the Senate for its consideration and must be signed by the President before it becomes law.

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